

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
NORTH COAST REGION
5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California 95403**

**REVISED Notice of September 20, 2005
PUBLIC CEQA SCOPING MEETING
For
Development of the Lost River
Total Maximum Daily Load and Implementation Plan**

REVISION

A notice was earlier sent that described two meetings on September 20, 2005 – a CEQA scoping meeting followed immediately by an informational meeting.

The meeting on September 20, 2005 will consist only of the CEQA scoping meeting. Some background information will be presented, but a discussion of the preliminary analysis regarding potential sources of the impairments and potential ways to address the sources of impairment will be postponed.

Purpose of the Meeting

The California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (the Regional Water Board) will hold a public CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) scoping meeting on September 20, 2005 concerning the establishment of TMDLs (Total Maximum Daily Loads) for nutrients, water temperatures, and pH, and for the adoption of a Basin Plan amendment to implement the TMDL for the Lost River. The California Lost River TMDLs and Implementation Plan will address those areas of the Lost River downstream of Oregon, including Tule Lake, the Lower Klamath Lake National Wildlife Refuge, and associated areas in California.

The goal of the CEQA scoping meeting is to identify the scope of potential environmental impacts that could be related to the TMDL. This meeting will satisfy scoping requirements of CEQA. Neither TMDLs nor an Implementation Plan have been proposed yet.

Background

The Lower Lost River is listed as impaired for excess nutrients, high water temperature, and high pH. A waterbody that is “listed as impaired” is one that does not meet water quality objectives and does not support the beneficial uses of the waterbody, as described in the North Coast Region Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan). The TMDLs will assess conditions of the Lower Lost River, and determine whether the waterbody actually is impaired. If the impairments exist, the TMDLs will quantify the sources of the impairments, determine how much of a particular pollutant a waterbody can handle and still meet water quality objectives, identify how much the different sources need to be reduced in order to meet water quality objectives, and develop an implementation plan to achieve those objectives.

Time and Place

Date: Tuesday, September 20, 2005
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Place: The Honker (Tulelake Community Center), 810 Main Street, Tulelake, California

Who Should Attend

Public and private land owners; county and city officials in charge of land use and water quality; federal, state, and local regulators and water management officials involved with water quality; environmental groups; and, other groups or individuals interested in water quality in the Lost River area.

Submission of Comments

Members of the public and interested parties will be provided the opportunity to present oral and/or written comments regarding the scope of the environmental review needed for this TMDL. Other public meetings and workshops on the Lost River TMDLs and Implementation Plan will be scheduled before the adoption hearing, which is tentatively planned for the spring of 2006.

Additional Information

Questions regarding the Lost River TMDLs, and TMDLs in general, can be directed to Mr. David Leland at 707-576-2220 or at dleland@waterboards.ca.gov. Questions regarding the CEQA scoping meeting or Basin Plan amendments can be directed to Ms. Caryn Woodhouse at 707-576-2220 or at cwoodhouse@waterboards.ca.gov.